**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47), Vice Chair of the House Homeland Security Committee, today released the following statement regarding news that Orange County will receive over \$12.7 million in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants. The funding, which the Department of Homeland Security provides to organizations and communities at risk of a terrorist attack, will help local law enforcement protect our community against potential threats.

"At a time when budget shortfalls and staff cuts have stretched resources for local law enforcement, UASI grants have been a real lifeline for our county," said Rep. Sanchez. "Nothing could be more important than protecting Orange County families against potential terrorist threats. That's why I'm thrilled to announce that our county will be receiving over \$12.7 million to help secure our community."